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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF NEW ROK AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN

1. SOUTH KOREAN NEWSPAPERS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED ON MAY 28 THE RESHUFFLING OF 14 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) OFFICIALS. INCLUDED IS VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YUN HA-CHONG, APPOINTED AS THE NEW ROK AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN. YUN, BORN JUNE 2, 1924 IN HAMKYONG PROVINCE, NOW NORTH KOREA, GRADUATED FROM THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES OF SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN 1951. HE ATTENDED GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY FOR ONE YEAR AS A FOREIGN SERVICE TRAINEE. YUN HAS HELD A NUMBER OF ASSIGNMENTS SINCE JOINING MOFA IN 1955, INCLUDING CHIEF OF THE TRADE PROMOTION SECTION, DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS BUREAU, DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPE AND AMERICA BUREAU, AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT. HIS FOREIGN POSTINGS HAVE INCLUDED SECOND SECRETARY, GREAT BRITAIN; COUNSELOR, REPUBLIC OF CHINA; AND MINISTER IN BOTH FRANCE AND JAPAN. HE WAS APPOINTED VICE FOREIGN MINISTER IN 1976. YUN IS MARRIED TO KIM IN-KI, AND THEY HAVE ONE SON AND TWO DAUGHTERS. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND JAPANESE.

2. YUN'S APPROACH HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS CONSERVATIVE AND HE IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE FREER THINKERS WITHIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. MOST AMERICANS HAVE FOUND
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HIM A PLEASANT MAN TO DEAL WITH, CALM UNDER PRESSURE, AND A RELIABLE REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS SUPERIORS' VIEWS, WHO CAN, HOWEVER, BE STUBBORN IN HIS OPINIONS. HE HAS WORKED WELL WITH THE EMBASSY IN THE VARIOUS POSITIONS HE HAS HELD IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SEEMS TO FAVOR A CLOSE ALLIANCE WITH THE U.S. ALTHOUGH HE HAS SOMETIMES INTIMATED THE VIEW THAT THE U.S. COULD DO MORE THAN IT

HAS TO HELP THE ROK.
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